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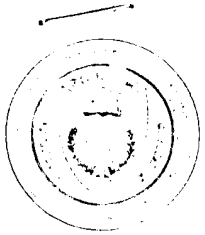
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May 6, 1987

Mr. Robert M. Gates
Acting Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

I was a participant in the recent Conference on US Intelligence at the CIA. I do not teach courses on intelligence. I suppose I was invited to participate because I am a liberal arts dean at a major university and so am in a position to facilitate such courses--also, I like to think, because I am a friend of the CIA. (I also attended a one-day conference of deans in April 1988, so this was not my first CIA experience.)

Let me just tell you how eye-opening and useful these contacts have been for me. I have been enormously impressed by the intelligence, the candor, the articulateness, the balance of your people. They have thought about things. They have philosophy. They would be a credit to any university faculty. They have, in a word, integrity. It comes across very clearly.

I can imagine you and others occasionally ask yourselves the questions: Are these university outreach efforts worth it? What, really, does the Agency get out of it? Well, I can only tell you that these efforts are worthwhile and beneficial. They've paid off with me, they will with others. Keep them going. (And by all means continue to invite Mr. Helms to the social event; meeting one's heroes is always a bracing experience.)

Sincerely yours,

Bob King

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